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Mr. [redacted]  
Chairman  
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

Dear Jim:

Referring to our conversation of 12 April, I want to again express my concern about the proper relationship of DIA management control of DoD mapping, charting and geodesy to the national responsibilities of COMOR. Within the last few months, great strides have been taken by COMOR and the USIB in establishing a means for acquiring satellite photography on a world-wide basis. These actions will greatly improve the effectiveness of DoD mapping, charting and geodesy, and I view the program established for the KH-4 system as a significant accomplishment.

Because of our DIA management responsibilities for DoD mapping, charting and geodesy and the concentration of such production work in the Department of Defense, it was believed that a COMOR working group on mapping, charting and geodesy was not absolutely necessary. However, since there was support in the COMOR for a working group arrangement, I have agreed to the formation of a MC&G Working Group. Because of my personal regard for your integrity and capability, I certainly have no objection to your serving as Chairman with a DoD Deputy for this Working Group--certainly through the formative period such as you mentioned in the COMOR meeting last week. My concern is that the COMOR working group act in such a way that the specific DIA management control responsibilities established in DoD Directive 5105.27 are recognized in matters concerning the Military Departments of the Department of Defense.

For example, the Directive assigns to DIA responsibility for determining, ranking and assigning MC&G collection requirements, and similarly cites DIA responsibilities for determining area requirements and product requirements. These responsibilities require that DIA continue its established procedure of working with the Military Departments to develop coordinated DoD recommendations to the COMOR on MC&G matters.

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7, COMOR-M-386, Doc 66.

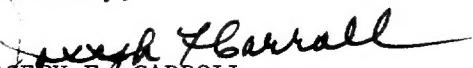
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DIA and NRO review(s) completed.

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I fully agree that the overall responsiveness of NRO (S) to USIB approved MC&G requirements, the integration of MC&G requirements with other collection requirements, the impact of these requirements on the means of their fulfillment, and the overall DoD justification for application of satellite resources to MC&G requirements are all matters of proper concern to COMOR. On the other hand DIA management responsibilities as set forth in DoD Directive 5105.27 dictate that from the standpoint of formulating a DoD position matters coming within the purview of that Directive are not subjects for review in COMOR or its working groups.

Sincerely,



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